

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kula at approximately 7:00 P.M. with the opening statement that the meeting had been duly advertised and met all the requirements of the Sunshine Law. Also present were: Deputy Mayor Miller, Councilwoman Hamilton, Councilman Cicerale, Councilman Verrilli, Manager Marianne Smith, Clerk Jane Bakalarczyk and Township Attorney Fred Semrau and Leslie Phiefer of Dorsey & Semrau.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Hardyston Township Board of Education Status Update

Hardyston Township Board of Education President, Dot Beltramine and Hardyston Township School Superintendent, Mike Ryder gave a status update of the school district and school board goals with the Township Council.

B. Brecia Farms Developer's Agreement Extension

The Council discussed the request submitted by David Hook for an additional three (3) year extension of his developer's agreement. Township Engineer presented his recommendations to the Council. A resolution granting the extension with conditions has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

C. Wit's End Road Resurfacing Update

Township Engineer gave the Council an update regarding the discussions held at the October Township Council meeting relating to silt collecting at the intersection of Woodmere Court and Wits End Road.

D. Proposed Ordinance Regarding Affordable Housing Unit Resale

Township Planner, Carrine Kaufer, stated that the owner of one of the Township's affordable housing units has been granted a hardship waiver to sell the unit as a market rate unit and/or sell the unit back to the Township for the purposes of affordable housing. An ordinance to purchase the unit has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

E. Land Use Board Appointment Discussion

Township Manager and Council discussed open positions on the Land Use boards.

F. CJS Investment – Request for Waiver from Septic Permit Renewal Fees for Emerald Estates

Township Manager stated that CJS Investments, the developer of the Emerald Estates project on Wheatsworth Road, has requested a waiver of the \$40 per septic system renewal fee required by the Sussex County Health Department citing the economy and the status of the project as the need for the waiver of fees. This item has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

G. St. Clare's Hospital EMS Response Report

Township Manager stated that St. Clare's is doing an outstanding job with responding to calls within the Township and provided a response report for the Council's review.

H. Sparta Mountain Appeal Update – Fred Semrau, Esq.

Township Attorney gave the Council an update on the outcome of the Sparta Mountain appeal matter.

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I. North Church Technical Center Proposed Agreement Regarding Fire Suppression Water System

Township Manager stated that all parties involved have reviewed the draft agreement and are ready to move forward. A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Riverdale Quarry Co., Inc., Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority and the Township of Hardyston for completion of the fire suppression system in the North Church Technical Center and conclusion of all obligations under the 1990 agreement has been placed on the regular meeting agenda to follow for Council consideration.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT (in accordance with P.L. 2002, c.80): A motion was made and seconded to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comment. A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:05 p.m., a motion was made by Verrilli to adjourn seconded by Hamilton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk